St. Luke

The Rev. J. E. McLaughlin is away on vacation, but a good crowd attended regular preaching services at the St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday, Sept 5th. The Rev. Wesley McLaughlin, a nephew of the pastor was in supply for the pastor. The message was inspiring subject, "Fill My Cup, Let it Run Over", taken from the 23rd Psalm. The senior choir No. 1 gave the music. Mrs. Josephine Nowlin at the piano. The offering was very good as usual. Many visitors were present to fellowship with the St. Luke folks.

Mrs. Esther Callaham and many of her friends and relatives attended a musical concert at the Court Street Baptist Church on Sunday at 4:00 p.m., which was conducted by Mrs. Callaham's cousin, Mr. Richard Christian, who is a professor of music and lives in Washington, D. C. This was sponsored by the usher board of Court Street, Lynchburg, Va., this was the 142nd anniversary of the church.

The Cornerstone Baptist Sunday School Union met with the St. Andrews Church school on August 29th at 9:45 a.m. A rich program was enjoyed. President T. M. Venerable was in charge of the meeting. Many visitors were present, including a large group from the Jerusalum Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. At the completion of business, "Venerable Day" appreciation for 28 years of service was enjoyed. Presentation of Plaque was made. Gifts from the Sunday School of finance and items were presented. The Jerusalum Church people presented a financial gift. Rev. Venerable is also their pastor. Mr. Ray Robinson sang a solo in honor of the pastor, and also groups from Spring Hill gave a rendition. The Queens of Harmony gave a selection. Mrs. M. B. Johnson gave the history of the president, and recited a poem in his honor. Rev. H. Venerable, a brother gave the family history.

Mrs. Louise Canada spoke for the Union and read from her minutes the high points that Rev.Venerable gave in the message he preached on the day he was elected President 28 years passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Randolph and the workers with them as committee prepared a beautiful set table for the honoree, his wife and friends to enjoy. Cake, punch, etc. The ladies of the church served a bountiful lunch also.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Canada were called by phone from Richmond, Va. and told of the birth of a grandson, August 29. Proud parents are Mr. Al Canada and his wife, Rolaleng.

Sunday, Sept 12, there will be a combined choir program at the St. Luke Baptist Church of talents. All friends that would like to participate are welcome. The time is 3:00 p.m.

Miss Thelma Hamlelie is on the sick list at this time. She is a member of the Sr. Ushers of St. Luke.

Mrs. E. M. Hamlette of Pittsburg, Pa. has returned to her home after spending an extended vacation with her friend, Mrs. Grace Walker, and her sister, Mrs. Esther Callaham.

Church To Sponsor Lawn Party Saturday

The women of Piney Ridge United Methodist Church will sponsor a Lawn Party at 5 p.m. on September 11th at the Pamplin Fire Department building.

Included on the menu will be ham roll plates, adults, $2.00 and $1.00 for children. There will also be hot dogs, home made ice cream and pies and cakes.

The public is invited to attend.

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Father Darkleaf

by CALVIN ROBINSON

Monday, September thirteen on peaceful, pleasant Martha Street in Historic Appomattox. Still dry and the lawnmower is idle. Farmers having good river bottom acres are all set, but the average is not at its best. Saw a mower and hay baler at work Saturday and was surprised they harvested as much as they did. Hay is going to be in demand this winter. Nature bounces back, and heavens to Betsy I saw a great athlete Saturday. Glanced up and saw a large grasshopper on the outside of my front door. Uninvited and did not knock, so I decided to encourage him to move along to greener pastures. Fetched me a flyswatter. Opened the door and sneaked out, and took one swat and missed. The grasshopper jumped nine feet. I chased after the critter for four jumps, and he got away, his jumps being double the best I could do. As the grasshopper disappeared I called after him to give my regards to everyone in Evergreen, for he seemed to be jumping thattaway.

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And now I read that next year is supposed to be THE year of the Seventeen Year Locust. I recall last time they were around and it was a mess. They simply took possession. The visit did not last too long but I would say that seventeen years is often enough.

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Always a pleasure to receive a new issue of The Iron Worker, the quality publication of Lynchburg Foundry. Many fine Appomattox people are employed there and the new issue tells so much about iron making.

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ACHS plays host to Rustburg in football here Friday night, and from past experience this should be a thriling game to watch. When The Raiders and Red Devils meet there is a good ball game. Gee, some of us are still limp from watching football on TV over the week-end, as The Redskins turned magicians and pulled one out of the hat.

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There was a knock at the front door, and the guest turned out to be a pleasant and knowledgeable gentleman from Arlington, Va., and a journalist on a special assignment. On a swing through the Southern States, interested in history and public opinion. Bro. Frank Starr. His report may appear in one of our largest national newspapers. Ah yes, and since I do not discuss politics, I took up an hour of his time talking..... about what.....about Joe Sweeney and Appomattox's contribution of the five-string Banjo, and "The Reconciliation of Gentlemen with Gentelmen" which took place here April 9,1865. He promised to mail me a report of his findings of what The South is thinking.

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Change of pace...so many attractive ranch type homes about and still more being built, I fell to thinking that few kids today have experienced the thrill of sliding down bannisters. Mention " a slider" nowadays and the smart one will tell you it is a fancy baseball pitch.

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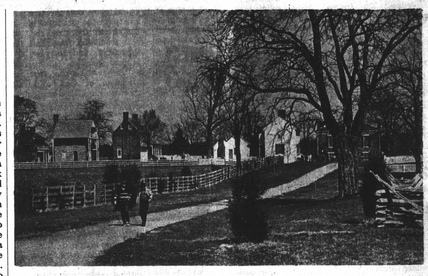
I like to browse through the Guinness Book of World Records. What is the highest, lowest, biggest, smallest, fastest, slowest, oldest, newest, loudest, greatest, hottest, coldest, strongest? Some Bible scholars say Og was the tallest man, but that was long centuries ago, and records are broken most every day. My record claim is writing a newspaper weekly column for fifty years, and it is time for this one to end and I say thanks for reading and seeya next week.



APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, where General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant bringing about an end to the American Civil War announced today that the historical park will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily except Christmas Day. A one dollar ($1.00) vehicle entry fee will be charged through October.

Every half-hour a 15-minute interpretive sound slide program will be presented in the restored Court House, now the park visitor center, and the popular Living History programs will be available week ends until the end of October.

Large groups planning to visit the park are requested to phone the park office at 352-8987 prior to their arrival.

BOARD REVIVES PLAN FOR NEW JAIL

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors meeting Friday discussed reviving the plans and applying for funding under a public works program administered by the Economic Development Administration in order to build a $400,000 jail for Appomattox County.

Plans for the 23-cell jail and sheriff's office were developed in 1968 by Garland M. Gay, a Lynchburg architect, but have been lying dormant since then.

With the possibility of federal funds, the supervisors plan to meet next week with Gay, Sheriff J. E. Richardson and officials from the State Department of Corrections to update the plans.

The county has been under pressure from the corrections department to improve its jail facilities.

Recently corrections department officials told the supervisors Appomattox County has the second worse local jail in the state. Only the Pittsylvania County jail is considered worse.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, board chairman, said W. S. Kerr, commonwealth's attorney, already has notified federal officials the county is planning to apply for funding.

The public works program requires that planning be completed before the application is submitted and actual construction must be started within 90 days of the funding.

With what was described as "the smoothest opening of schools that he has experienced in his 19 years in the field of public education", Division Superintendent Lloyd Walton told the Board that they have fewer studen's than anticipated. He said the schools enrolled only 2,820 students instead of the 2,850 projected in the budget. One reason for the lower enrollment, he said, is a decrease in the number of kindergarten children enrolled.

Walton also reported that $25,000 in the school building fund needed to be transferred to the regular operating

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BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The ACHS Booster Club will hold a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. in the Appomattox County High School Cafeteria. All members are urged to attend.

There will also be an executive committee meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Cafeteria on the same date.

Richard D. Brenner To MC Junior Woman's Club Concert October 16th

Rich Brenner, WLVA-TV Sports Director, will be Master of Ceremonies at the Ray Pillow, Doyle Holly, and The Vanishing Breed Concert on October 16th at the Appomattox County High School sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, Inc.

A graduate of Merchantville High School, Merchantville, New Jersey in 1965 and a 1969 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio with a B. A. degree, Rich was a Collegiate Viet-Nam Correspondent for 10 weeks in 1967.

From September of 1971 to February of 1972 he worked with the American Cancer Society in Fairfax as Area Representative/Director of Public Information and from that time until December of 1973 he worked with the American Cancer Society in Lynchburg as Area Executive Director for nine Central Virginia ACS units. He supervised all units in fund raising, education, and patient service plus general management. From January 1974 to March of 1975, he was associated with WLVA Radio, Inc., as Advertising Account Executive. He handled high school football and basketball play-by-play, along with daily sports commentary shows.

In the summer of 1975, he handled play-by-play of 34 televised broadcasts of Intercontinental Cup Amateur Baseball Championship in Moctor and Montreal, Canada for the U S. and Canadian Cable T.V.

Brenner is a member of the Board of Directors of Lynchburg Sports Club, Lynchburg Downtown Lions Club, Publicity Chairman of Lynchburg Special Olympics, Volunteer of American Cancer Society and Cystic Fibrosis Foundatin and a speaker and Master of Ceremonies at various local events.

At the present time, he is responsible for entire weeknights sports show content and its delivery on the 5:30 p.m. and the 11 p.m. newscasts on WLVA-TV. He also handles area high school football and basketball play-by-play on radio.

"Rich", who is an inactive Captain, U. S. Marine Corp Reserve, lives with his wife, the former Judy Goodrich of Appomattox, and their two children in Lynchburg.

ADVANCE TICKETS ON SALE FOR FRIDAY'S GAME

A capacity crowd is expected Friday night when the Appomattox Raiders host the Rustburg Red Devils at 8 p.m. at the high school stadium.

Adult tickets will be sold in advance at $2.00 a ticket from noon until 1 p.m. Friday in the Appomattox County High School cafeteria. The ticket gate will open for sale of tickets Friday at 5 p.m.

Student tickets may be purchased at the school or at the gate. Come out and support the ACHS Raiders.

JAYCEES TO SPONSOR FALL HORSE SHOW

The Appomattox Jaycees will sponsor a Fall Horse Show September 25, 1976 at Paradise Lake, 8 miles West of Appomattox on Route 460.

There will be two performances, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be $2.00 per person, children under 12 free.

Make plans now to attend the Jaycees sponsored show.

photo by Joe Vaughan

Red Oak Baptist Church To Celebrate 200th Anniversary

Red Oak Baptist Church will celebrate its 200th Anniversary with all day services at the church on October 3, 1976.

There will be Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship services at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 1 p.m. and a special song service at 2 p.m.

This will be a very special occasion with many wearing Colonial Costumes and some driving horse and buggies to church.

Red Oak Church was established in 1776 near what is known now as Bent Creek. It was later moved to a site about 1½ miles Southwest of Oakville and then moved to its present location on Highway 26 in Oakville.

This Bicentennial Celebration will also be the beginning of revival services which will be held the following week, starting on Monday night, October 4, and continuing through Friday, October 8. The Rev. James Williams, pastor of Liberty Chapel and Gladstone Baptist Churches will be guest speaker for the revival.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Bicentennial Day and the revival services. Rev. G. E. Hughes is pastor of the host church.

Winners In Football Contest Announced

Winners in the weekly football contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for last week's contest.

First place winner is Mitch Mitchell of Route 2, Appomattox. Mitch got all of the 15 games in the contest correct and will receive a check in the amount of $10.00 from the TIMES-VIRGINIAN. There were several entries with 14 of the 15 games picked correctly and in the "tie breaker" Terrell Brown of Route 3, Appomattox won second place in the contest. He will receive a check in the amount of $5.00 as the second place prize.

Be sure to enter the contest this week and get your entry into this newspaper....you may be the winner next week.

Will Take Steps To Collect Deliquent Taxes

W. S. Slagle Resigns As Town Manager

At the Monday night meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, William S. Slagle informed members of council that he had submitted his resignation as Town Manager to Mayor Henry Pack effective October 8, 1976 to accept a position elsewhere.

Slagle told the members of the council he would be in the area and would be happy to help in any matters that he could be of assistance.

Ronald Spiggle, Vice-Mayor, presiding in the absence of Mayor Pack, said on behalf of the Mayor and of the council, also, "we think Slagle has done a 100% job". He expressed appreciation for the loyal and faithful years of service rendered to the town and to the county and wished him well in his new endeavor.

Spriggle added that council reluctantly accepted his resignation.

Slagle resigned his post as Town Manager and also as Special Projects Secretary to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors to accept a position with Virginia Fibre Corporation in Riverville.

The Finance Committee recommended that deliquent tax payers be notified a "third and final time" of taxes due, then if not paid in 30 days, legal steps be taken to collect deliquent taxes.

The recommendation was approved by council and final notices will be mailed. Council also voted to strike from town records a "small amount" in deliquent taxes that has been declared uncollectable.

Richard Carter appeared before council to report on income and expenditures of funds of the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission from July 1974 to September 1, 1976.

Income for the Commission had come from appropriations in the amount of $300.00 from the Town of Appomattox, $600.00 from the County of Appomattox, and an additional $94.35 from the resale of items purchased. Total income reported was $994.35 with expenditures reported at a total of $980.43.

Carter asked for another $300.00 appropriation from the Town of Appomattox. On a motion by R. C. Hubbard, seconded by Burke Guill, the request for funds was granted.

Slagle reported to council that plans and bid documents are complete and ready for bid advertisement except for wage determination scale from the Department of Labor for the Downtown Redevelopment Project and that he would do everything possible to "speed up" the matter.

The first step of the Project, the acquisition of property, is almost complete. Step two will be the demolishing of the "old Hotel" and the third and final step in this project will be the constuction of a parking lot and street construction and improvements.

In other business, council voted to give town water and sewer service to a Pizza Hut Restaurant in Triangle Plaza. Shopping Center for fees previously set by council.

Slagle told council that Senator Howard Anderson had advised that he is in agreement with council's views on proposed reorganization of the Criminal Justice Planning Activities.

FIREMEN CANCEL TRAINING SESSION

There will be no training session tonight, Thursday, for members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department.

The next session will be on date as planned.

Local Farm Bureau President Wins Trip To Hawaii Convention

James H. Rosser, of Pamplin, President of Appomattox County Farm Bureau, has won a round-trip airfare ticket to Hawaii to attend the American Farm Bureau Federation convention in January of 1977.

Five counties in District 12, in a membership contest, achieved 115% membership gain and Rosser was one of two county presidents to win the trip to the Hawaii Convention. The other winner was the Amherst County Farm Bureau President. They will leave January 6, 1977 from Dulles Airport and return home on January 14, 1977 after attending the convention and visiting some interesting places.

Mr. Rosser and wife will arrive in Kona, Hawaii in the late afternoon on January 6th and will stay at the Kona Hilton. On Friday, January 7th, sightseeing will include the Historic Kona Coast, quaint island churches; Honaunau, ancient city of Refuge; the Village of Napoopoo, Kealakekua Bay and Captian Cook's

James H. Rosser

Monument. Other places included in the tour will be the Ka'u Desert and Punaluu, the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, the historic Volcano House, Rainbow Falls, sugar plantation, an Waimea Canyon (the Grand Canyon of the Pacific) plus many other interesting places. They look forward to a nice trip.

Concord Phone Line Installed At Office of County Sheriff

For the convenience of the Appomattox County citizens living in the Concord area, a Concord phone line has been installed in the Appomattox County's Sheriff's Office to enable those citizens living in that area to place toll-free calls for assistance directly to the office of the Sheriff.

THE NUMBER TO CALL IS 804-993-3323.

This will enable the Sheriff's Department to better serve all the people in the county.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Tuesday

When the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its second visit of the fiscal year to Appomattox on Tuesday, the donors shown above plan to be on hand to contribute yet another unit of blood to help Appomattox County reach its quota of 102 units. The donors, left to right, are Rev. Edward Leonard, a donor of 12 units; Rev. James Becker, a donor of 20 units; "Picky" Williams, a 9 unit donor; Dawn Rush, a 1 unit donor; Bob McClenny, a donor of 11 units; Charlene Lawson, a donor of 3 units; and Danny Garrett, who has donated 10 units of blood. They encourage you to come out Tuesday to Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m. and donate a unit of YOUR blood . . . it may save a life.

Ladies from Trinity United Methodist Church will have charge of the canteen for this visit and will be supplying sandwiches and drinks for all donors. A nursery will be provided for children of donors and once again 17 year olds are reminded that they can donate blood with parental consent. If you are 17 and would like to become a blood donor, you may call Mrs. Lucy Harvey for your consent form. She will gladly mail one to you.

During the summer months the need for blood has increased, so let's all do our part and keep Appomattox County 100% of its quota by planning to join in Tuesday and donate a unit of your blood.

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